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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 has been amended as set forth hereinabove to correct the informalities pointed out by the Examiner.

Submitted herewith is a corrected sheet of formal drawings which incorporates the amendments and an annotated sheet showing the changes made thereto.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner's objections be withdrawn.

THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the features of the present invention whereby the finder optical system is provided for guiding an image of a subject along an optical path to a viewing element, and whereby the organic electroluminescence device is formed directly on a surface of an optical member in the optical path of the finder optical system, as supported by the disclosure in Fig. 10 and the disclosure in the specification at page 12, line 27 to page 13, line 13.

In addition, claims 7, 9 and 10 have been amended to depend from claim 1.

Still further, claims 1, 3, 7, 9 and 10 have been amended to make some minor grammatical improvements so as to put them in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to claims 1, 3, 7, 9 and 10 be approved and entered.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by USP 5,652,930 ("Teremy et al"). This rejection, however, is respectfully traversed with respect to the claims as amended hereinabove.

According to the present invention as recited in amended independent claim 1, an intrafinder display apparatus for a camera is provided which comprises a finder optical system for guiding an image of a subject along an optical path to a viewing element, and an organic electroluminescence device formed directly on a surface of an optical member in the optical path of the finder optical system.

That is, according to the present invention as recited in amended independent claim 1, the organic electroluminescence device is provided directly on an optical member of the optical path of the finder optical system. Therefore, with this

structure, it is unnecessary to provide a separate element to support the organic electroluminescence device.

By contrast, it is respectfully submitted that Teremy et al merely discloses a separate panel 40 that is dedicated to supporting illumination elements. And it is respectfully pointed out that the panel 40 of Teremy et al produces an image that is visible via the eyepiece lens 44 along an optical path 50 that is separate from the optical path 48 along which the "scene image" travels to the eyepiece lens 44. In addition, it is respectfully pointed out that according to Teremy et al, the image traveling along optical path 48 is transmitted through beam splitter 46 to the eyepiece lens 44, while the image from panel 40 traveling along optical path 50 is reflected by beam splitter 46 to the eyepiece lens 44.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Teremy et al clearly does not at all disclose, teach or suggest that the organic electroluminescence device is formed directly on a surface of an optical member in the optical path of the finder optical system. Indeed, it is respectfully submitted that Teremy et al does not disclose, teach or suggest that the panel 40 thereon on which the illumination devices are supported is even in the optical path of the finder optical system, along which the image of a subject is guided to a viewing element.

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Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention as recited in amended independent claim 1, and claims 3, 7, 9 and 10 depending therefrom, clearly patentably distinguishes over Teremy et al, under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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Amendments to the Drawings:

Fig. 1 has been amended to change the first occurrence of reference numeral 16 to 14, to correctly designate the screen mat, in accordance with the description in the specification at page 7, line 19. In addition, Fig. 1 has been amended to change reference numeral 14 to 12, to correctly designate the mirror, in accordance with the description in the specification at page 7, line 18. Still further, Fig. 1 has been amended to add reference numeral 20 to designate the eyepiece optical system 20, in accordance with the description in the specification at page 7, line 20.

Attachment: Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

Replacement Sheet



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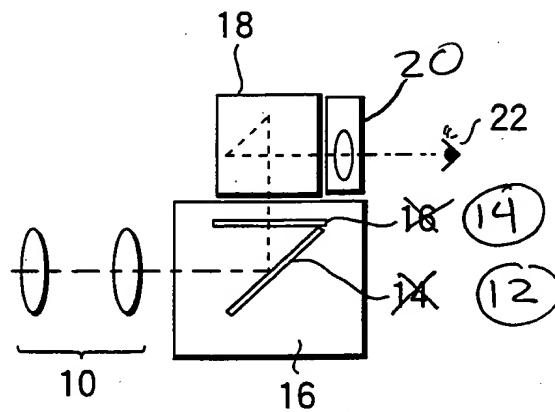


FIG. 1

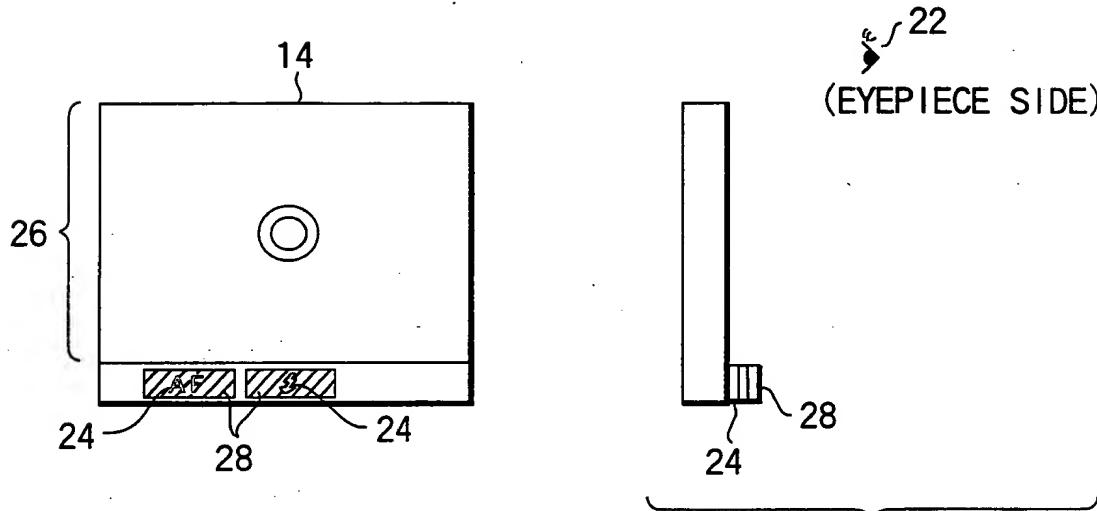


FIG. 2A

FIG. 2B

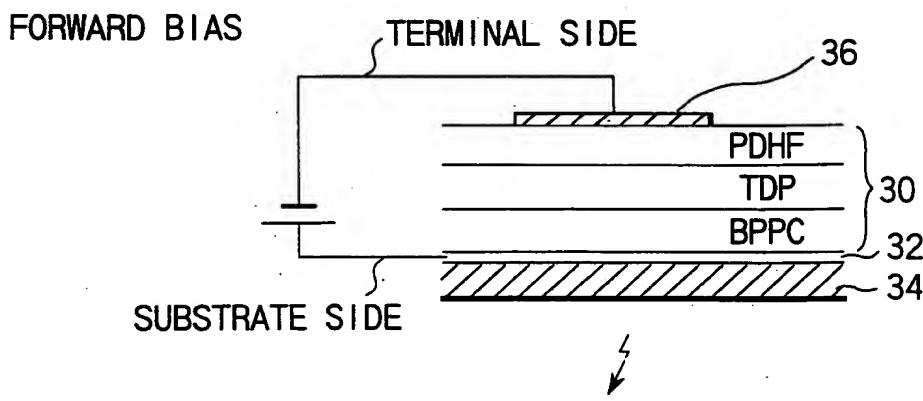


FIG. 3